

HOUSE BILL 2930
By Cochran

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 17, Part 3, relative to disorderly conduct
at funerals.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 3, is amended by
adding the following as a new section thereto:

Section 39-17-317.

(a) A person commits the offense of interfering with a funeral or burial, funeral home viewing of a deceased person, funeral procession, or funeral or memorial service for a deceased person, if such person acts to obstruct or interfere with such commemorative service or makes any utterance, gesture, or display in a manner offensive to the sensibilities of an ordinary person. Picketing, protesting, or demonstrating at a funeral or memorial service shall be deemed offensive to the sensibilities of an ordinary person.

(b) The provisions of this section shall only apply to acts within one thousand five hundred feet (1,500') feet of an interment, funeral, or burial, funeral home viewing of a deceased person, or memorial service for a deceased person.

(c) A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.